

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
DRINKING WATER AND SANITATION
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1278

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Pace of SBM

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Will the Minister of DRINKING WATER AND SANITATION be pleased to state:

- a) whether the Government has put the Swachh Bharat Mission (SBM-G) under the scanner for a critical review of all central schemes by a Group of Secretaries;
- (b) whether the pace of SBM is slow and if so, the steps proposed to be taken by the Union Government thereon;
- (c) whether the Government has started brainstorming workshops to take stock of the progress of the SBM-G and expedite the achievements of sanitation in a sustainable manner; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR MINISTRY OF DRINKING WATER & SANITATION
(SHRI RAMESH CHANDAPPA JIGAJINAGI)

(a) Different Groups of Secretaries have been constituted to make recommendations for various Central schemes, including Swachh Bharat Mission (Gramin).

(b) No, Madam. Against the expected outcome of 50 lakh individual latrines for the year 2014-15, 58,54,987 latrines were constructed, which is an achievement of 117% of the target. During 2015-16, 127.41 lakh toilets were constructed against expected outcome of 120.00 lakh. For the year 2016-17, against the expected outcome of 1.5 crore individual latrines, 1,55,16,257 individual latrines (103.44%) have been constructed as on 06-02-2017.

Sanitation Coverage, which was 42.05% on 2.10.2014, has increased to 60.32% on 06.02.2017. A total of 156219 Villages, 70275 Gram Panchayats, 909 Blocks and 87 District have declared themselves as Open Defecation Free (ODF) as on 06.02.2017.

(c)-(d) Ministry of Drinking Water and Sanitation regularly organises various brainstorming and capacity building workshops for Swachh Bharat Mission (Gramin). These include State/Regional/National workshops with various stakeholders and implementers to provide technical guidance, identify challenges, find solutions, and share good practices.